

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 538

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A RESOLUTION to commend Billy Joe Reeves for his honorable and astute service as chairman of the Hawkins County Republican Party.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should specially recognize those estimable public servants who work to improve the quality of life for their fellow citizens through their involvement in the political process; and

WHEREAS, Billy Joe Reeves has been an invaluable asset to the Hawkins County Republican Party, having rendered sterling service during his tenure as chairman from 2017 to 2021; and

WHEREAS, born on April 7, 1939, Mr. Reeves is the son of Homer Lee Reeves and Jessie Alice Amis Reeves; he attended Surgoinsville Elementary School and Surgoinsville High School in Hawkins County; and

WHEREAS, Billy Joe Reeves received his bachelor's degree in chemistry from Lincoln Memorial University and earned his master's degree in chemistry from the University of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, during his career, Mr. Reeves was employed in research and development by Tennessee Eastman, from which he took his much-deserved retirement in 1999 after thirty-six years of service; and

WHEREAS, he is a past director of the Hawkins County Farmer's Cooperative, a past president of the Hawkins County Farm Bureau, and a member of First Broad Street Methodist Church in Kingsport; and

WHEREAS, a devoted husband, father, and grandfather, Billy Joe Reeves enjoys the love and support of his wife of fifty-nine years, Janice Smith Reeves, and his two daughters and their families, Karen Reeves Coleman, Graham (Hailey) Coleman, Lincoln Coleman, Jackson

(Annie) Coleman and the soon-to-arrive Blakey Coleman; and Susan Reeves Huffman and husband Chip, Katie Huffman, and Alex Huffman and his fiancée, Madison; and

WHEREAS, Billy Joe Reeves is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service and political engagement that have earned Tennessee recognition as the Volunteer State, and he should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we commend Billy Joe Reeves for his honorable and astute service as chairman of the Hawkins County Republican Party and salute his unswerving commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.